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SUBJ: SECURITY SITUATION, NICOSIA, FEBRUARY 19

REF: NICOSIA 0657 (NOTAL)

1. NICOSIA EXPERIENCED A WORK STOPPAGE AND GENERAL SHUT-DOWN OF ACTIVITIES FEBRUARY 19 1100 - 1300 HOURS LOCAL IN PROTEST AGAINST TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF A FEDERATED STATE AND IN SUPPORT OF ACTION BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO IMPLEMENT CYPRUS RESOLUTIONS. SHUT-DOWN WELL OBSERVED FOR FIRST HOUR.

2. STUDENTS BEGAN FORMING UP AT APPROXIMATELY 0830 HOURS, AND BY 0930 HOURS THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PERSONS IN METAXAS SQUARE. THEY CARRIED SIGNS "EVERY GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT BACK TO THEIR HOUSES", "NO TO PARTITION", AND OTHER STANDARD PLACARDS PROTESTING TURKISH ACTS. BY 1000 HOURS SOME STUDENTS HAD RETURNED TO
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SCHOOLS BUT MAJORITY PROCEEDED TO GREEK EMBASSY WHERE

THEY DELIVERED PETITION. CROWD OF 4,000 PERSONS LINGERED
IN METAXAS SQUARE PAST NOON.

3. AT 1100 HOURS DELEGATION OF 17 PERSONS BEARING
SIGNS ARRIVED AT AMEMBASSY AND BEGAN PICKETING.
AMBASSADOR RECEIVED THREE REPRESENTATIVES, WHO PRESENTED
PETITION CALLING ON USG TO "SUPPORT STRONGLY THE RECOURSE
OF CYPRUS TO THE U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL SO THAT IT MAY TAKE
A DECISION CONDEMNING THE UNILATERAL TURKISH ACTION OF
PROCLAIMING A SEPARATE STATE IN THE TURKISH OCCUPIED PART
OF CYPRUS, WHICH MEANS PARTITION OF THE ISLAND, AND
CONDEMNING THE TURKISH SIDE FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE
U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS."
PETITION ALSO DEMANDED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL IMPOSE
"PROPER SANCTIONS" ON TURKEY.

4. PICKETEERS AT EMBASSY SERIOUS, COMPLETELY ORDERLY. NATIONAL
GUARD AND CYPOL PRESENT IN FORCE, LED BY HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS
WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO INSURE THAT NO TROUBLE OCCUR. THERE WAS
AMPLE TV AND RADIO COVERAGE, AND CEREMONY APPEARED DESIGNED
TO GAIN MAXIMUM PUBLICITY FOR GREEK CYPRIOT CAUSE PRIOR TO
UNSC MEETING.

5. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO THREAT TO EMBASSY SECURITY.
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